

PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION—CIVIL
SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE CIVIL
SERVICE COMMISSION, FISCAL YEAR 1952, AMOUNTING TO
\$6,500,000

APRIL 1 (legislative day, MARCH 24), 1952.—Read; referred to the Committee on
Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, April 1, 1952.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of the Congress a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1952, in the amount of \$6,500,000, for the Civil Service Commission.

The details of this proposed appropriation, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for its submission at this time are set forth in the attached letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington 25, D. C., March 31, 1952.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1952, in the amount of \$6,500,000, for the Civil Service Commission, as follows:

INDEPENDENT OFFICES

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Investigations: For the establishment of a revolving fund which shall be available to the Civil Service Commission without fiscal year limitation for financing investigations, the costs of which are required or authorized by Public Law or any other law to be borne by appropriations or funds of other Government departments and agencies, \$6,500,000: Provided, That said fund shall be reimbursed from available funds of such departments and agencies for investigations made for them at rates estimated by the Commission to be adequate to recover expenses of operation, including provision for accrued annual leave and depreciation of equipment purchased by the fund: Provided further, That any surplus accruing to the fund in any fiscal year shall be paid into the general fund of the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts during the ensuing fiscal year: Provided further, That any such surplus may be applied first to restore any impairment of the capital of the fund by reason of variations between the rates charged for work or services and the amount subsequently determined by the Commission to be the cost of performing such work or services.

The bill, S. 2077, passed by the Congress on March 26, 1952, and now awaiting your signature, transfers from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Civil Service Commission the responsibility for conducting most of the security investigations of applicants for employment with the Atomic Energy Commission, Mutual Security Administration, International Information Administration, and certain other agencies. The Civil Service Commission is required to assume the full workload within 6 months after the law becomes effective.

The proposed supplemental appropriation to establish a revolving fund will be necessary to permit the Commission to fulfill the requirements of the cited bill if it is approved by you. The revolving fund will finance costs, including the purchase of equipment and the training of investigators, until it can be reimbursed by the agencies for which investigations are conducted. The funds are urgently needed since the Commission hopes to start hiring and training within 5 weeks in order to meet the 6 months' schedule for assuming the workload.

This proposed supplemental appropriation was not included in the budget because the law authorizing the appropriation was not enacted until after the budget had been prepared.

I recommend that the foregoing proposed supplemental appropriation be transmitted to the Congress.

Although the bill (S. 2077) transfers most of the investigative function to the Civil Service Commission, it also requires that each agency pay the Commission or the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as may be appropriate, for the cost of investigations performed for it.

The sum of \$14,060,080 is included in the 1953 budget for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for these investigations. If the bill is signed, this Bureau will recommend that such sum be transferred to

the agencies concerned, for use in reimbursing the Civil Service Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in the following amounts:

Salaries and expenses, Atomic Energy Commission.....	\$11, 854, 207
Missions to international organizations, State.....	20, 887
International information and education activities, State.....	975, 700
Mutual Security Act, executive, 1953.....	1, 298, 198
Office of Civilian Defense, District of Columbia.....	11, 088

Final decision on such transfers would rest with you under the provisions of section 202 (b) of the Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950.

Respectfully yours,

F. J. LAWTON,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

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The following table shows the new appropriation for the Civil Service Commission for the Bureau of Investigation in the following

Salaries and wages	\$1,100,000
Travel	50,000
Postage and freight	10,000
Printing and stationery	10,000
Telephone	10,000
Electricity	10,000
Gas	10,000
Water	10,000
Heat	10,000
Light	10,000
Repairs and maintenance	10,000
Supplies and materials	10,000
Insurance	10,000
Interest on debt	10,000
Contingents	10,000
Unexpended balance	10,000
Total	\$1,300,000

Final decision and transfer would not be made until the provisions of section 102 (a) of the Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1932.

Respectfully yours,

T. J. Lawton,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

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